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PRAYER, WORK, WATCHFULNESS, AND VICTORY

"The story of the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah and the Jews in the face of the jealous opposition of their enemies is one of the most helpful guides to effective praying that can anywhere be found."—(See "Prayer in Action," page 2.)

When I pray
A comfort, a support is given,
That helps me rise 'er earthly things
Asarks soar up on air wings.
I do not stop to reason out
What I do, but go right along
Since I know that when I doubt,
Life seems a blackness of despair.
The world is a tomb; and when I trust,
Death becomes a resurrection.

I know in the darkest hour,
If I lift my son in prayer,
Some sympathetic, loving Power
Sends hope and comfort to me.
I am by nature a thinking art,
But in the mind at the right

What need to argue or explain?
Prayer has a sweet refining grace,
It educates the soul and heart.
It lends a lustre to the face;
And by the power of prayer
It makes the mind at the right

That brings it near the infinite.
From our gross selves it helps us rise
To something which we yet may be.
And so I ask not to be wise,
But to be strong and true to me.
Faith that with angel's voice and touch
Says, "Pray, for prayer avail much."

Ellie W. Wilcox

WAY OF SALVATION

"The wages of sin is death!"
"Except ye repent, ye shall all
likewise perish."
"God so loved the world that He
gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believeth in Him should
not perish, but have everlasting life."

THE SEARCHLIGHT

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
All that is within me, bless the Lord, O my soul;
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and
forget not all His benefits;
Who forgiveth all thine in-
iquities; Who removeth all
thy sins; Who redeemeth
thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with
loving-kindness and tender
mercy.

A PROPHETIC vision has been
had by the secret of success
in the Salvation Army. Our late
Founder possessed this in a marked
manner. The student of his life,
writing and addresses will be thor-
oughly convinced that he was not
only a prophet. Not merely the
great organizer or master of detail,
but a man who had a vision of
Christ.

The Only Hope

This vision revealed to him that
Christ was the only hope of the
hopeless, the outcast, and the de-
spairing, and the only hope of the
world.

If all Soldiers now in the Army
received a true vision of Christ, His
personality, His life and work, and
above all, realized that He was a
man to whom the salvation of the
world would take place. There would
be a settled conviction to make the
most of fleeting time, to pray and
plead with souls who will be lost
without Christ.

Would not the cry of all be—
"Every hour, and every power for
Christ and duty?"

It is said that the three handmaids
of the pulpit are hideously
over-optimistic. These things of
themselves, however, are as dead as
they could possibly be without
Christ.

All history points to Him. And
when He comes, He will be prepared, and
waited patiently for His coming. All
history points back to him. There
can be no historical record, without
it pointing to, or back to Him.

History becomes colourless and a

PRAYER IN ACTION

NEHEMIAH'S WONDERFUL EXAMPLE

"I sat down and wept, and prayed before the God of Heaven." "Let us rise up and build." Nehemiah 1, 4 and 2, 12.

WHEN Nehemiah prayed at the King's Palace at Shushan he was of a sad heart. When he prayed at Jerusalem, surrounded by enemies, he kept a cheerful face and redoubled his efforts to build the city walls. At both times he did the right thing, and by doing it helped to answer his own prayer. But he was sad in the one case and energetic in the other, not merely because it was good policy, but because his heart was so really set upon the object for which he prayed that his feelings and actions correspond with his petition. This is one of the most important principles of successful praying.

The story of Nehemiah is one of the best guides to prayer that can be found in or out of the Bible. It carefully studies with the question in mind: "How can I pray effectively?" it will be found to supply a series of wonderfully clear answers.

Prayed and Walked

As already intimated, when Nehemiah desired with all his heart the restoration of Jerusalem, but was so placed that he could take no active part in the work, he prayed and waited. When opportunity came to do something he used it courageously. Nehemiah took no small risk in owning that his majesty was right when King Artaxerxes surmised that he was

When instead of threatening from afar these jealous enemies gathered their followers and appeared within striking distance of the slowly rising walls, again Nehemiah prayed; but to his prayer, his courage and his work, he added readiness for fighting and constant watchfulness. "The build-

ers were now held in awe and stood by his side, and we finished. And he then sounded the trumpet over me."

There is just one other incident that can be touched upon in this short history of Nehemiah's example in regard to prayer. In the sixth chapter the story is told of an attempt made to stop the work of Nehemiah to shut himself up in the House of God. "Lo, I perceived that God had not sent him," was Nehemiah's comment on the man who undertook this mission. Prayer that really brings one into communion with God will not only supply strength for working and fighting, but will also bring wisdom that will distinguish between the true and the false, between practical and useful service for God and one's fellows, and sentimentalism, and fanaticism which hinder and spoil instead of helping forward the Kingdom of God.

Courageous Action

Through the whole narrative there runs a thread of prayer; ever and again Nehemiah says, "I prayed." And always after his praying comes well-directed, courageous action.

This is even more strikingly seen at Jerusalem than at Shushan. When the enemies of the Jews taunted and threatened them, Nehemiah, in touch with God behind the scenes and strong in the knowledge of His approval, gained there, surely declared, "The God of Heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build."

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Faith and Works

As an example of "effective prayer by healthy-minded, brisk-souled, energetic, and keen-witted man, Nehemiah stands unrivaled. The faith, work, and watchfulness of this one-time courier, who from handling a foreign king his cup of wine was called to be the restorer of the destinies of his own nation, give a wonderfully wide and helpful view of Prayer in Action. R.S.

WORTH REMEMBERING

The Cross of Christ is the centre of human history. God has reared a judgment seat in every man's conscience.

The number whose hearts have become cold? Perhaps the anxiety of every-day life, or being taken up too much with the business side of your Corp., in the cause. Or probably few are so greatly saved, and you are disengaged.

Take a walk to-day in spirit to Emmaus. Do you not feel your heart burn within you, as you feel His comforting, joyful presence? Can you not enter into His spirit of the chorus—"For He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own?"

The world—this world, its friendlessness, its associations, cannot take the place in your heart, or mind, of the blessed Christ.

With Us to End

In closing, may I say that not only is His cheering presence felt in life, but He will be with us even unto the end of our earthly Sojourn. When our eyes are closed, the spirit of the world will rise to the eternal hill of our God, and to the city He has prepared for the righteous, when we are nearing the swelling of Jordan, and the enemy of the soul would torment us with fear and alarm, a bold Comforter, a Pilot, a true Friend to the end.

Shall we value His presence in life, and seek now a knowledge that He is near, and that we may or may not physically live for ever and ever.

All the joys that e'er I've known—All the pleasures earth has shown, Are but dim compared with those I own.

Trusting alone in Jesus.

THE SALVATION SOLDIER'S ARMOURY

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THE SOLDIER'S CONCEPTION OF CHRIST

"Lo I am with you, even, always; I am with you to the end." Matt. 28:20.

"Lo, I am with you always." Do not these words bring comfort to your heart? Can you conceive Him in your mind, with you, or opposed. He is with you to give the victory outwardly, in you to give peace.

I take the life of victory
Not I, but Christ Himself in me,
He conquers now, He sets me free.

So, I am with you. He sets me free. This is an actual experience, something to know, or feel about at some point in time. He is an unseen presence, helping, sustaining, comforting and blessing, bringing great happiness to us all, and in His all, peace and quietness to life's end.

He is a loving, ever present Saviour, the same yesterday, to-day and forever. What is your estimate of Jesus in your everyday life, in your service, yes, when you come to the end, you will be with Him.

Sacrifice cannot take His place, doing your duty as a Soldier of the Army, not all that we may, or may not physically live for ever and ever.

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THE LIFE OF GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH*

By HAROLD BEGGIE

Volumes of Fascinating Interest, Containing New Information Dealt With from a Fresh Standpoint, Which Every Salvationist and Friend of The Salvation Army Ought to Have

WILLIAM BOOTH attempted great things for his God, and for "Others"; he did great things and the greatest of all is that he is greater now in accomplishing those things for which he lived as ever he was, and will be ever greater as long as time lasts.

We have just turned from a volume containing an outline of the life of Napoleon. A man who made self his god, and whose interest in others was the degree to which he could make them serve him and his purposes.

But any history of Napoleon is one of a rise and fall—and a fall so complete, an end so ignominious, that it is difficult to find a parallel.

The "Life of General William Booth" that has just come from the hand of Harold Begbie is a record that finishes at his highest point, and in no merely rhetorical sense its ending, even when one has a full realization of all that went before, may be said to be its beginning. Those things which are done for God do last, and those who serve Him zealously are supported by Him in the hour of trial, and do triumph over all their enemies.

A Singular Figure

In his preface Mr. Begbie says:

William Booth is likely to remain for many centuries one of the most signal figures in human history. Therefore, to print his portrait faithfully for the eyes of those who come after us—a great duty and a severe responsibility—has been my cardinal duty in preparing these pages.

But the volumes (there are two, with over 400 pages each) which contain this portrait of the Founder of the Salvation Army, valuable as they will be to posterity, are of even greater worth and interest to the present generation. There were, necessarily, few men and women who were able to be in continual close touch with William Booth, perhaps half a dozen in all, and none of these for the whole period of his life. There are multitudes who knew enough of him to make them ardently desire to know more—to be able to understand his motives, to know the reasons that led him to take this or that course, to learn something of the influences that moulded him in early life, and many other intimate circumstances, knowledge of which is desirable, not to gratify mere curiosity, but because of the practical value it has in giving to Salvationists, and, indeed, all God's people, of the present day, guidance as to the decisions they should make, and the way they should take in dealing with their own lives, and their own work in the world.

Revolution of God's Dealings

Above all, they are valuable because of the revelation they are of the dealings of God with William Booth, the man, and of William Booth with his God. There is naturalness, true manliness, and virility in every aspect of the religion that is revealed by William Booth's life. No professor of religion was ever more uncompromising with the world, or more cut-and-dried in abandonment to doing as well as saying his breed, but there is not a line in these volumes

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that reveals anything that does not square with reason and common sense. One becomes impressed as one reads that the greatest shock which William Booth gave to the world, came from the fact that he did himself put, and raised up an organization which followed him in doing it, his beliefs into action to a degree that was then unknown.

Roused Torpid World

William Booth believed that if he could rouse a torpid world to seize the idea of religion as the sole refuge from the sufferings through which the organization would begin to move toward the Kingdom of Heaven. He was a torpor far more than sin that drove him to a propaganda which started the parlours of respectability and amused the composed thinkers in letter-places. It was the power of Christ to overcome all who would oppose him. He felt that his work lay in breaking down the barriers of spiritual torpor so that the power of Christ might be free to act.

And for William Booth to be convinced he should do anything was for it to do forthwith. But the reader must bear in mind that while General Booth was doing all his power to move the torpor and apathy of the world, he was at the same time organizing and controlling the enthusiasm which resulted. He called men and women to his side, his discipline them into order, and then sent them out to attain their ends. Far as it could be said of some of his methods appear, he was yet in some strange fashion the most practical, level-headed and fair-seeling of Englishmen.

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NEWS FROM ACROSS
THE BORDER-LINE

The Commander Moves Large Audience at Reading—Fortnight Anniversary Meetings at Philadelphia

Large crowds attended the Commander's meetings at Reading, Pa. On Sunday afternoon the Rajah Theatre, a large auditorium in the city, seated 2,000 people, was packed to capacity, and hundreds were turned away.

The Commander moved her audience to the hall to keep their attention until the last of the audience closed by declaring the success of the Salvation Army in France, in America and all around the world was the practical living application of the religion of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men and women, whose lives, bodies and souls were consecrated to that purpose.

"The Commander's time from now until the end of the Home Service Fund Campaign is, judging from the programme, to be filled with the most strenuous labours," writes Colonel Peart. "She already conducted a heavy campaign in the Middle West, and is looking forward to a trip in the South where she will also conduct public meetings at Atlanta, Birmingham. She is also booked for a public demonstration at Albany, N. Y., later on in the month. On April 10th she will dedicate the new Training College at Camp Mt. Pleasant, with a tremendous public meeting in New York, the Home Service Fund Campaign, during which campaign, also, she is planning to visit the Atlantic activity."

The National Geographic Magazine for April contains a long article, profusely illustrated, by the Commander. This article was provided at the request of the editor of the magazine's editor, Mr. Grosvenor, a direct result of the Commander's great address before the members of the National Geographic Society in Washington, last year. In consideration of the importance it is one of the most exclusive magazines in the world, and admission to its pages is exceedingly difficult, this is given to accredited experts, this may be read with much honour. The article treats of the Salvation Army round the world.

The Fortieth Anniversary of the Salvation Army in Philadelphia was recently celebrated. This was the birthplace of the Army in the United States and a pilgrimage to the memorial tablet, laid three years ago on the spot where the Shirley family held its first open-air service, two souls sought God.

Sister Lee, Ifflax, I.

The Halifax I. Corps has suffered the loss of one of its most faithful and beloved members in the death of "Mother" Lee.

Our comrade was the first Soldier of this Corps. She was converted a young girl in the Methodist Church, and was a member of that denomination for many years. Head of the Salvation Army, and of the great work they were doing in the city, when Captain Stewart, Social Officer for Port Arthur, I.

The Memorial service, on Sunday, was conducted by Captain Stewart and Mrs. Nelson.

The Hall was filled. No one had the invitation given to that one dear comrade from the back of the Hall voluntary to the front. Then followed a husband, the father and mother of one of our recent young converts. Then an elderly Mrs. Medlyn, a cousin of the author, the work was begun, and Mrs. Lee and her husband were the first to be sworn-in under the colors.

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PROMOTED TO GLORY

Sister Swanson, Winnipeg IV.

After a short illness Sister Elsie Swanson was Promoted to Glory on February 27th. She passed away with a beautiful bright testimony that she was greatly missed in the Sunday night meeting she attended Elsie, with two others, sang, "A volunteer for Jesus, a Soldier true."

She had been greatly missed in the Young People's Corps. At the last Sunday night meeting she attended Elsie, with two others, sang, "A volunteer for Jesus, a Soldier true."

Additional services were held on Sunday, Feb. 28th, when a number of comrades attended. The faithful life and bright experience of the departed one—E. M. S.

Sister Mrs. Bond, Windsor I.

Death has visited our Corps and removed an esteemed friend and comrade, the person of Mrs. Bond. She had been a patient sufferer for a long time, being resigned to the will of God. She had no fear and passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, Feb. 28th.

We paid her to rest on Wednesday, Feb. 11th, and the following Sunday night a Memorial Service was held by Commandant Ash at which Dr. Bond, her son-in-law (son-in-law of our late Comrade) spoke of the consistent life of the deceased. She leaves to mourn the loss of four daughters (two of whom are soldiers of this Corps) and one son.

Sister Hamilton, Simcoe

Our comrade, after weeks of suffering, passed peacefully away on Friday, March 19th. She was patient and died and was never heard to complain. She was asked by the Commanding Officers if all was well with her soul, she said, "Yes, Jesus is very precious."

She died to rest on Sunday.

The funeral was conducted by Captain Bird and Lieutenant Everard.

The remains were brought to Halifax, where a very impressive service was held. The Hall was nicely filled. On Sunday a memorial service was held, when Captain Thompson delivered a powerful address. Two souls sought God.

We pray for sustaining grace to Miles.

Sister Mrs. Medlyn, Port Arthur

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THE PRAYING LEAGUE

By Mrs. Bessie M. Johnson

Perhaps no organization has sent a greater number of new and heart-lifting and inspiring songs round the world than has the Salvation Army.

One of the great secrets of its success has been the way it has utilized music to carry the gospel to the hearts of hearts. The following striking thoughts on the subject of music were found in the Christian Guardian.

Music—Always

Make a large place in your life for music, and it will bring you a priceless reward.

All the desires of your heart will be realized if you become attuned to the rhythm of harmony of life.

In the hour of trouble will uplift your spirit and give refreshment to every faculty of your being.

In the hour of work you will rejoice in the strength and energy which music has given you.

In the hour of jubilee music will bring you thrills of delight that compare for all that is dull and commonplace.

In the hour of prayer music will quicken the aspirations of your soul and perfume your life with the breath of heaven.

In the hour of fellowship music will blend and mingle with others in unity and understanding.

In the hour of love music will enrich your heart with feelings that mean the meaning of existence.

In the hour of meditation music will unseal the treasures of the past and bring a sacred glory to the present.

In the hour of death music will speak to you of a life filled with an eternity of joy and song.

In the hour of high purpose music will reveal the possibilities of your soul and urge you toward to great and glorious achievements.

Such is the power of music; to this power open the doors of your soul, for it will enter into your life, a greater fullness of all that makes for progress and joy.

ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH

"According to your faith it you—your—Mine," said Jesus.

Our faith in God is the measure of His power to save us. One man comes before Him with a quart cup in his hand, and prays God to fill it. "Lord, fill it." "Divine fulness." A quart cup is his conception of "Divine fulness." The Master fills his little cup, but explains to me and angels that it was according to the measure of faith of the one who fills it. The Master of all gives a full-gill-cup. The King of all gives a full-gill-cup. God, according to his conception. He presents his cup, and it is filled; but the Lord forces him to tell the world that this was his way of asking—not God's way of giving.

Another borrows his wife's thimble, and holds it up to the Lord for his inheritance. Of course the little thimble will not hold the explanation, "If you men would only know the Lord in the 'exceeding riches of His grace'! Open thy mouth, wide, and I will fill it."

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

God is wonderfully blessing the efforts of Captain Anna Sowton and Captain Stewart in their work. The morning Holiness meeting was one long to be remembered. At night four of our Young People knelt at the Mercy Seat—Sister Hazard.

1915, under Captain Nellie Bell, the work was begun, and Mrs. Lee and her husband were the first to be sworn-in under the colors.

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